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In re REISSUE APPLICATION OF
WILLIAM L. GROUELL

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Issued: April 6, 1999

Title: Hard Disk Drive Heat Sink

REISSUE APPLICATION DECLARATION

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

I, William L. Grouell, declare as follows:

1. I am the named inventor of the U.S. Patent No. 5,892,655 (hereafter referred to as the "issued patent"), entitled HARD DISK DRIVE HEAT SINK, which issued on April 6, 1999, from U.S. Application Serial No. 08/883,847 filed on June 27, 1997.

2. My citizenship, residence, and post office addresses are as stated below my signature to this Declaration

3. I have assigned my rights in the issued patent to Sun Microsystems, Inc.

4. I am hereby applying for reissue of the issued patent.

5. I verily believe that I am the original, first, and sole inventor of the subject matter that is described and claimed in the issued patent and in the specification

thereof, and for which invention I solicit a reissue patent; that I understand the content of the issued patent and the specification thereof; and that I do not know and do not believe the same was ever known or used in the United States of America before my invention thereof, or patented or described in any printed publication in any country before my invention thereof, or more than one year prior to the application for the issued patent; that the same was not in public use or on sale in the United States of America more than one year prior to the application for the issued patent; that the invention has not been patented or made the subject of an inventor's certificate issued before the date of the application for the issued patent in any country foreign to the United States of America on an application filed by me or my legal representatives or assigns more than twelve months prior to the application for the issued patent; and that no application for patent or inventor's certificate on this invention has been filed in any country foreign to the United States of America prior to the application for the issued patent by me or my legal representatives or assigns.

6. I acknowledge my duty to disclose all information known to me which is material to the patentability of the reissue application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56.

7. I believe that I had a right to claim not only the Claims 1-3 which are presently in the issued patent, but also the Claims 4-22 which, on April 6, 2001, were included in this reissue application, and Claims 23-24 which have been added, on Sept. 18, 2002, to this reissue application.

8. I have reviewed and understand the content of the specification and the claims of the issued patent and Claims 4-24 added in this reissue application. I believe that I am entitled to make these reissue Claims 1-24 as they are fully supported by the original disclosure of my U.S. application which resulted in the issued patent.

9. I believe the issued patent to be wholly or partly inoperative or invalid by reason of my claiming less than I had a right to claim in the issued patent.

10. At least one error which is relied upon to support this reissue application includes, but is not limited to:

Using the following claim language in issued independent claim 1: "a rectangular plate," and "having a rectangular shape when viewed in plan." Independent Claim 4 provides an example of how this error has been corrected.

11. I state that all errors which are being corrected by the present reissue application up to the time of filing of this declaration arose without any deceptive intention on my part.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 or Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statement may jeopardize the validity of the reissue application or any reissue patent issued thereon.

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